

until the negative answer has first been fulfilled. So I would suggest that you go through the rest of the book, and study chapters 65 and 66 very carefully and see what definite teachings there are. From the light of the back ground I think that we will be able to gather much of real value. So that we will continue next year then. We only have two more classes I believe, because I will be away.

(Next lecture.) 8.

Before the holidays we were looking at the last two chapters of the book of Isaiah. And we noticed that chapter 65 is closely related to what precedes. We saw that the prayer, the last half of 63 and to 64 would seem to be, a prayer of duty, a prayer of those who are God's people, and there is much good in the prayer. They recognize their faults. They recognize their ill desserts. But at the same time they make their approach on a wrong basis. "We are thine. Thou never ~~mm~~ barest rule over them." It is an approach, not of claiming to be righteousness, and expecting God's mercy, but of claiming his mercy on the ground that they are His, and He's got to give it to them. And His answer to this is an answer which has two elements. The positive element, and the negative elements. He starts with the negative elements. They say, we are thine, Thou never barest rule over them. They were not called by thy name. He says, "I am sought of those, that didn't ask for me. I'm found of those that didn't seek me. I said, behold me, behold me, to a nation that was not called by my name." And Paul says that here He is speaking of the Gentiles. The RSV says, he is not at all speaking to Jews. ~~mm~~ That Paul says He is speaking to Gentiles. And then in verse 2 He goes to speak of those that have just made the prayer. He says, "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walked in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts." "People that provoked me to anger continually to my face." Now what does He say about people in verses 2 and the first half of three? What specific wickedness in them does He point out? Yes, that's not specific. There seems to be nothing specific. But perhaps, it is very general, but I think Miss Correll did very good in getting one somewhat specific aspect out of all this generality, so far. That they are following their own thoughts instead of Gods. That's rather an important thing. A very important matter of attitude. Walking after their own thoughts. Their way isn't good. They are rebellious. They provoked him to His face, but how? It is not specific is it?